<u>Listing of the Claims</u>:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula [[(I)]]:

wherein

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, arylheteroalkyl, heterocycloalkylheteroalkyl, cycloalkylheteroalkyl, heteroarvlheteroalkyl. hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyaryl, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, cycloalkylkoxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylalkyloxy, amino, alkylamino, aminoalkyl, acylamino, arylamino, phenoxy, benzyloxy, COOH, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, sulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, SR4 and acvl. each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen, =O, =S, -CN, -NO₂, -CF₃, -OCF₃, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyaryl, alkoxyheteroaryl, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkenyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkenyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, arylalkyloxy, -amino,

alkylamino, acylamino, aminoalkyl, arylamino, sulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfinyl, aminosulfonyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalky, -COOH, -C(O)OR⁵, -COR⁵, -SH, -SR⁶, -OR⁶and acyl; or R¹ = L;

R² is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, arylalkenyl, cycloalkylheteroalkyl, heterocycloalkylheteroalkyl, heteroarylheteroalkyl, arylheteroalkyl hydroxy, alkoxyaryl, alkenyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkynyloxy, cycloalkylkoxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylalkyloxy, amino, alkylamino, aminoalkyl, acylamino, arylamino, phenoxy, benzyloxy, COOH, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, sulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfinyl, aminosulfonyl, SR⁵ and acyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen, =O, =S, -CN, -NO₂, -CF₃, -OCF₃, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyaryl, alkoxyheteroaryl, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkenyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkenyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, arylalkyloxy, -amino, alkylamino, acylamino, aminoalkyl, arylamino, sulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalky, -COOH, -COR⁵, -C(O)OR⁵, -SH, -SR⁵, -OR⁶and acyl; or $R^2 = L$:

R³ is selected from the group consisting of H, C₁ -C₆ alkyl, and acyl; or a metal ion selected from sodium, calcium, magnesium;

X and Y are the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen, -CN, -NO₂, -CF₃, -OCF₃, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, haloalkynyl, haloalkynyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyaryl, alkoxyheteroaryl, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkenyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkenyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, arylalkyloxy, -amino, alkylamino, acylamino, aminoalkyl, arylamino, sulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalky, -COOH – C(O)OR⁵, -COR⁵, -SH, -SR⁶, -OR⁶ acyl and -NR⁷R⁸;

Each R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and acyl;

Each R⁵ is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and acyl;

Each R⁶ is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and acyl;

Each R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and acyl;

L is selected from the group consisting of:

a)
$$L=Cy-L^1-W-$$

Wherein

Cy is C₁-C₁₅ alkyl, aminoalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy or heteroaryl any of which may be optionally substituted one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen, =O, =S, -CN, -NO₂, -CF₃, -OCF₃, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyaryl, alkoxyheteroaryl, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkenyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkenyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, arylalkyloxy, -amino, alkylamino, acylamino, aminoalkyl, arylamino, sulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalky, -COOH, -C(O)OR⁵, -COR⁵, -SH, -SR⁶, -OR⁶ and acyl.

 L^1 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 – C_5 alkyl, which may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen; =O; =S; -CN; -NO₂; alkyl, alkoxy, acylamino, and alkylamino;

W is selected from the group consisting of a single bond, -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -N(R⁹)-, -C(O)N(R⁹)-, -SO₂N(R⁹)-, N(R⁹)C(O)-, N(R⁹)SO₂-, and -N(R⁹)-C(O)-N(R¹⁰)-;

b)
$$L=Cy-L^1-W-L^2$$

Wherein,

Cy is C₁-C₁₅ alkyl, aminoalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy or heteroaryl any of which may be optionally substituted one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen, =O, =S, -CN, -NO₂, -CF₃, -OCF₃, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyaryl, alkoxyheteroaryl, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkenyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkenyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, arylalkyloxy, -amino, alkylamino, acylamino, aminoalkyl, arylamino, sulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalky, -COOH, C(O)OR⁵, -COR⁵, -SH, -SR⁵, -OR⁶and acyl;

 L^1 and L^2 are the same or different and independently C_1 – C_5 alkyl, which may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen; =O; =S; -CN; -NO₂; -CF₃, -OCF₃, alkyl, alkoxy, acylamino and alkylamino;

W is selected from the group consisting of a single bond, -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -N(R⁹)-, -C(O)N(R⁹)-, -SO₂N(R⁹)-, N(R⁹)C(O)-, N(R⁹)SO₂-, and -N(R⁹)-C(O)-N(R¹⁰)-;

c) $L=Cy-(CH_2)m-W-$ Wherein,

Cy is C₁-C₁₅ alkyl, aminoalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy or heteroaryl any of which may be optionally substituted one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: : halogen, =O, =S, -CN, -NO₂, -CF₃, -OCF₃, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyaryl, alkoxyheteroaryl, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkenyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkenyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, arylalkyloxy, -amino, alkylamino, acylamino, aminoalkyl, arylamino, sulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalky, -COOH, C(O)OR⁵, -COR⁵, -SH, -SR⁵, -OR⁶and acyl;

m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

W is selected from the group consisting of a single bond, -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -N(R⁹)-, -C(O)N(R⁹)-, -SO₂N(R⁹)-, N(R⁹)C(O)-, N(R⁹)SO₂-, and -N(R⁹)-C(O)-N(R¹⁰)-;

d) $L=L^1-W-L^2$

 L^1 and L^2 are the same or different and independently selected from C_1 – C_5 alkyl, which may be optionally substituted one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen; =O; =S; -CN; -NO₂; -CF₃, -OCF₃, alkyl, alkoxy, acylamino, alkylamino;

W is selected from the group consisting of a single bond, -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -N(R⁹)-, -C(O)N(R⁹)-, -SO₂N(R⁹)-, N(R⁹)C(O)-, N(R⁹)SO₂-, and -N(R⁹)-C(O)-N(R¹⁰)-;

R⁹ and R¹⁰ are the same or different and are independently selected from H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₄-C₉ cycloalkyl, C₄-C₉ heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl; and acyl;

Z is selected from -CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH=CH-, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₄-C₄-alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 2. (Cancelled).
- 3. (Cancelled).
- 4. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein $R^3 = H$.
- 5. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein X and Y = H.
- 6. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein $R^4 = H$.
- 7. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: H, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, heteroalkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, and heterocycloalkyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted.

- 8. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: H; methyl; (pyridin-2-yl)methyl; (pyridin-3-yl)methyl; 2-hydroxy-ethyl; 2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl; 2-(pyridin-3-yl)ethyl; 2-phenyl-ethyl; 2-carboxy-ethyl; 2-(morpholin-4-yl)-ethyl; 2-(piperidin-1-yl)-ethyl; 2-(pyrollidin-1-yl)-ethyl; 2-diethylamino-ethyl; propyl; 2,3-di-hydroxy-propyl; 3-hydroxy-propyl; 3-methoxy-propyl; 3-isopropoxy-propyl; 2,2-dimethyl-propyl; 3-dimethylamino-propyl; 3-dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-propyl; 3-(2-oxo-pyrollidin-1-yl)-propyl; 3-(morpholin-4-yl)-propyl; 3-(imadazol-1-yl)-propyl; 3-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-propyl; 3-(pyrollidin-1-yl)-propyl; 4-dimethylamino-butyl; 5-hydroxy-pentyl; allyl; benzyl; 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl.
- 9. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R² is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted.
- A compound according to claim 1 wherein R² is.: H: 10. (Previously Presented) methyl; benzylamino-methyl; dibenzylamino-methyl; [2-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-acetylamino]-methyl; [2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-acetylamino]-methyl; 4-methoxy-benzylamino-methyl; benzyloxy-methyl; phenylacetylamino-methyl; 1-amino-2-phenyl-ethyl; 2-benzylamino-ethyl; 2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)ethyl; 2-(pyridin-3-yl)ethyl; 2-(2-phenoxyacetylamino)-ethyl; 2-benzenesulphonylamino-ethyl; 2phenyl-ethyl; isopropyl; 2-phenyl-propyl; 3-phenyl-propyl; 3-phenoxy-propyl; 3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propyl; 4-methoxy-phenyl; 4-fluoro-phenyl; 4-benzyloxy-3-methoxy-phenyl; isobutyl; cyclohexyl; octyl; benzyl; pyridin-2-yl; pyridin-4-yl; thiophen-3-yl; benzylsulfanyl, and 2phenylmethansulfanyl.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from compounds, and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, selected from the group consisting of:

N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)-2-(2-phenyl-ethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[2-(4-benzyloxy-3-methoxy-phenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-benzimidazole-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[2-(4-benzyloxy-3-methoxy-phenyl)-1-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-1*H*-benzimidazole-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1*H*-benzimidazole-5-yl]-acrylamide;

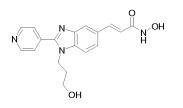
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N-Hydroxy-3-[2-(4-benzyloxy-3-methoxy-phenyl)-1-(2,3-hydroxy-propyl)-1*H*-benzimidazole-5-yl]-acrylamide;

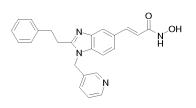
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N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(2,3-hydroxy-propyl)-2-(2-pyridyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-2-(4-pyridyl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;



N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-2-(4-pyridyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

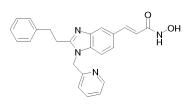


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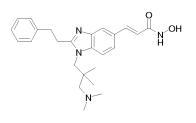
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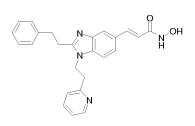
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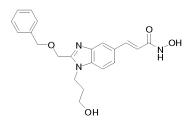
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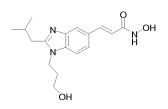


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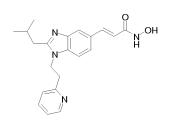


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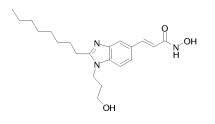
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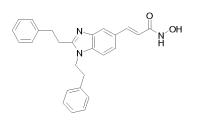
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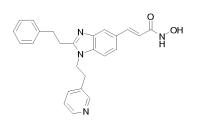
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N-Hydroxy-3-(2-isobutyl-1-phenethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;



N-Hydroxy-3-(1,2-Diphenethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;



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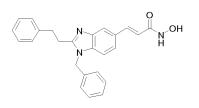
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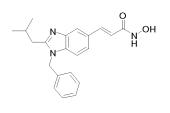
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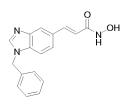
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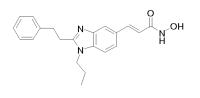
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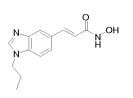
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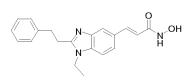
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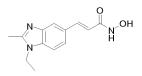


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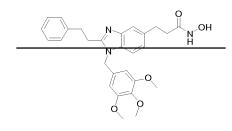
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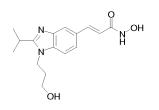


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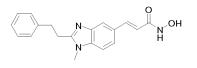
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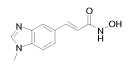
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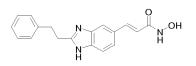
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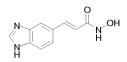
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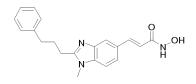
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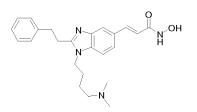
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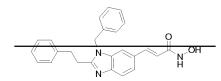
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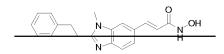
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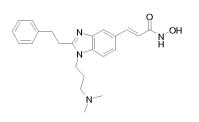


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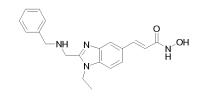
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N-Hydroxy-3-{2-[(4-methoxy-benzylamino)-methyl]-1-methyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl}-acrylamide;



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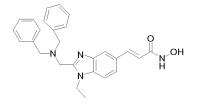


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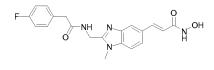
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N-Hydroxy-3-{2-[(dibenzylamino)-methyl]-1-ethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl}-acrylamide;



N-Hydroxy-3-(2-{[2-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-acetylamino]-methyl}-1-methyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl)-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[1-ethyl-2-(2-phenylacetylaminoethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[2-(2-Benzenesulfonylamino-ethyl)-1-ethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

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N-Hydroxy-3-[2-(2-benzylamino-ethyl)-1-ethyl--1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-2-phenethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

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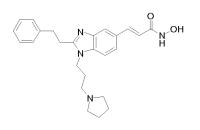
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N-Hydroxy-3-(1-allyl-2-phenethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl)-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-(1-(3-isoproxy-propyl)-2-phenethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl)-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-{1-[3-(4-methyl-piperzin-1-yl)-2-phenethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl}-acrylamide;



N-Hydroxy-3-[2-phenethyl-1-(3-pyrrolidin-1-yl-propyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(3-Dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-2-(3-phenyl-propyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-{1-(3-Dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-2-[2-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

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N-Hydroxy-3-{2-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl}-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(3-Dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-2-(2-pyridin-3-yl-ethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[2-(2-pyridin-3-yl-propyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

2-[2-Phenethyl-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid hydroxyamide

N-Hydroxy-3-[2-benzylsulfanyl-1-(3-dimethylamino-2-2,dimethyl-propyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[1-(3-dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-2-phenylmethanesulfonyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-(2-benzyl-1-ethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl)-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-{1-ethyl-2-[3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-propyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl)-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-{1-(3-dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-2-[2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl)-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-{2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl}-acrylamide;

N-Hydroxy-3-[1-ethyl-2-(3-phenoxy-propyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide;

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N-Hydroxy-3-(3-oxy-2-pyridin-2-yl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl]-acrylamide

N-Hydroxy-3-(2-{[2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-acetylamino]-methyl}-1-methyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl)-acrylamide.

2-(1-Methyl-2-phenethyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-5-yl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid hydroxyamide

- 12. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition including a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, excipient or carrier.
- 13. (Previously Presented) A method of treatment of a disorder caused by, associated with or accompanied by disruptions of cell proliferation and/or angiogenesis in a patient the method including administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the patient.
- 14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 13 wherein the disorder is a proliferative disorder.
- 15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 13 wherein the disorder is cancer.
- 16. (Previously Presented) Use of a compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 to modify deacetylase activity.

- 17. (Previously Presented) A use according to claim 16 wherein the deacetylase activity is histone deacetylace activity.
- 18. (Previously Presented) A use according to claim 16 wherein the deacetylase activity is class I histone deacetylase activity.
- 19. (Previously Presented) A use according to claim 17 wherein the histone deacetylase is HDAC1.
- 20. (Previously Presented) A use according to claim 17 wherein the histone deacetylase is HDAC8.
- 21. (Previously Presented) A method of treatment of a disorder that can be treated by the inhibition of histone deacetylase in a patient including administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the patient.
- 22. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 21 wherein the disorder is selected from the group consisting of proliferative disorders (e.g. cancer); Neurodegenerative diseases including Huntington's Disease, Polyglutamine disease, Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease, Seizures, Striatonigral degeneration, Progressive supranuclear palsy, Torsion dystonia, Spasmodic torticollis and dyskinesis, Familial tremor, Gilles de la Tourette syndrome, Diffuse Lewy body disease, Progressive supranuclear palsy, Pick's disease, Intracerebral haemorrhage, Primary lateral sclerosis, Spinal muscular atrophy, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Hypertrophic interstitial polyneuropathy, Retinitis pigmentosa, Hereditary optic atrophy, Hereditary spastic paraplegia, Progressive ataxia and Shy-Drager syndrome; Metabolic diseases including Type 2 diabetes; Degenerative Diseases of the Eye including Glaucoma, Age-related macular degeneration, Rubeotic glaucoma; Inflammatory diseases and/or Immune system disorders including Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA), Osteoarthritis, Juvenile chronic arthritis, Graft versus Host disease, Psoriasis, Asthma, Spondyloarthropathy, psoriasis, Crohn's Disease, Inflammatory bowel disease, Colitis Ulcerosa, Alcoholic hepatitis, Diabetes, Sjoegrens's syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis, Ankylosing spondylitis, Membranous glomerulopathy, Discogenic pain, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus; Disease involving angiogenesis including cancer, psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis; Psychological disorders including bipolar disease, schizophrenia, mania, depression and dementia; Cardiovascular Diseases including Heart failure, restenosis and arteriosclerosis; Fibrotic diseases including liver fibrosis, cystic fibrosis

and angiofibroma; Infectious diseases including Fungal infections, such as Candida Albicans, Bacterial infections, Viral infections, such as Herpes Simplex, Protozoal infections, such as Malaria,-Leishmania infection, Trypanosoma brucei infection, Toxoplasmosis and coccidiosis and Haematopoietic disorders including thalassemia, anemia and sickle cell anemia.

- 23. (Previously Presented) A method for inhibiting cell proliferation including administration of an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
- 24. (Previously Presented) A method of treatment of a neurodegenerative disorder in a patient including administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the patient.
- 25. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 24 wherein the neurodegenerative disorder is Huntington's Disease.
- 26. (Previously Presented) A method of treatment of an inflammatory disease and/or immune system disorder in a patient including administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the patient.
- 27. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26 wherein the inflammatory disease and/or immune system disorder is rheumatoid arthritis.
- 28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26 wherein the inflammatory disease and/or immune system disorder is systemic lupus erythematosus.
- 29. (Previously Presented) A method for measuring an acetylated histone concentration in a biological sample using an enzyme-linked immunosorbant assay, the enzyme-linked immunosorbant assay including a combination of a primary capture antibody, or a portion thereof, and secondary detection antibody, or a portion thereof.
- 30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 29, wherein the primary capture antibody is selected from the group consisting of: an anti-H3 monoclonal antibody, an anti-acetylated H3 polyclonal antibody, a goat anti-H3 polyclonal antibody, a goat anti-acetylated H3 polyclonal antibody and a combination thereof.

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31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 29, wherein the secondary detection antibody is selected from the group consisting of: an anti-H3 monoclonal antibody, an anti-acetylated H3 polyclonal antibody, a goat anti-H3 polyclonal antibody, a goat anti-acetylated H3 polyclonal antibody and a combination thereof.

- 32. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 29, wherein the primary capture antibody is a mouse anti-H3 monoclonal antibody and the secondary detection antibody is a rat anti-acetylated H3 polyclonal antibody.
- 33. (Previously Presented) A method for identifying the pharmacological effect of a histone deacetylase inhibitor in a cell, the method including the steps of:
 - a) providing a cell that has been treated with a histone deacetylase inhibitor;
- b) measuring the acetylated histone concentration in the cell by a method according to claim 29; and
- c) comparing the acetylated histone concentration with the acetylated histone concentration of a control sample.
- 34. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein the control sample is derived from a cell that has not been treated with a histone deacetylase inhibitor.
- 35. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein the cell is a tumour cell.
- 36. (Previously Presented) A method for identifying the pharmacological effect of a histone deacetylase inhibitor in a subject, the method including the steps of:
- a) obtaining a biological sample from a subject that has been treated with a histone deacetylase inhibitor;
- b) measuring the acetylated histone concentration in the biological sample by a method according to claim 32; and
- c) comparing the acetylated histone concentration with the acetylated histone concentration of a control sample.

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37. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 36, wherein the control sample is a biological sample derived from a subject that has not been treated with a histone deacetylase inhibitor.

- 38. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 32, wherein the biological sample is selected from the group consisting of tissue, blood, serum, plasma, urine, saliva and a combination thereof.
- 39. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 36, wherein the biological sample is selected from the group consisting of tissue, blood, serum, plasma, urine, saliva and a combination thereof.
- 40. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 36, wherein the histone deacetylase inhibitor includes a compound according to claim 1.